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In Re PATENT APPLICATION Of:

Applicant : Minoru WATANABE )  
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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted with the Applicant's Request for Continued Examination pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114(a). Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 8-9, 12, 21-22 and 25 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter recited therein. Please amend claims 1, 10-11, 13, 17, 23-24, 26 and 31-32, and add new claims 33-38, as shown in the listing of claims beginning on the next page under the heading **Amendments to the Claims**.